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AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

After the claims, please insert a page containing the Abstract Of The Disclosure which is attached hereto as a separately typed page.

AN INCUBATOR AND METHOD FOR CLEANING THE INCUBATOR**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The invention relates to a method for cleaning an incubator and to an incubator designed for carrying out the method. The method involves disinfecting the incubator, or at any rate the climatic chamber and/or removable parts present in it during the incubation process, by means of a disinfecting heat treatment. Said heat treatment can comprise a step in which the incubator, or at any rate the climatic chamber, is heated to a temperature of at least 50°C, in particular a temperature of approximately 58° to 65°C for at least 25 minutes. The invention further relates to an incubator, in which the temperature relating means used for the incubation process are further designed for carrying out a disinfecting heat treatment in the climatic chamber.